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GOT ANNOUNCES NEW PROSPECTING LICENSES IN AEGEAN

REF: A. ANKARA 1402; B. ANKARA 2482

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SEMIH AKBIL ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 9 ADDITIONAL LICENSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE TURKISH PETROLEUM CORPORATION (TPAO) FOR OIL PROSPECTING IN THE AEGEAN, IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA AS THE EARLIER LICENSES (REFTEL). THE DECISION, WHICH WAS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON APRIL 1, IS EXPECTED TO APPEAR IN THE TURKISH OFFICIAL GAZETTE WITHIN A FEW DAYS. (MFA OFFICIAL TOLD US HE BELIEVED A MAP SHOWING AREAS OF NEW LICENSES WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLISHED WITH ANNOUNCEMENT IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE.) ACCORDING

TO PRESS, AKBIL SAID THE DISPUTE WITH GREECE OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT AT ALL ON TPAO'S OPERATIONS IN THE AEGEAN.

2. COMMENT: WHILE TOP-LEVEL TURKISH OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON THEIR DESIRE TO ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO AEGEAN ISSUE, AKBIL'S STATEMENT SUGGESTS THE GOT IS ALSO DETERMINE TO ESTABLISH CLEARLY AND PROMPTLY ITS CLAIMS TO A SHARE OF OFF-SHORE EXPLORATION RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN. AS REPORTED IN REF B, HOWEVER, ACTUAL DRILLING MAY BE SOMETIME OFF, DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT. MACOMBER

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